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Reply To : HPR-ID

Mr. Brian W. Ness, Director
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Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2009 STIP Amendment #26

Dear Mr. Ness:

This is reply to your February 17, 2010 letter requesting FHWA approval to amendment Idaho's 2009 STIP with the addition of four projects from ITD's Scenic Byways Program as follows:

- KN 12256, Peaks to Craters Byway, Develop Corridor Management Plan
- KN 12257, Statewide Byways Video, Develop Video
- KN 12258, Western Heritage Byway, Swan Falls Road, Corridor Plan Implementation
- KN 12259, International Selkirk Loop, Corridor Plan Implementation

FHWA concurs with ITD's determination that the affected projects are neither intermodal in nature nor of consequence to the State's conformity process; therefore, FHWA has sole approval authority on this action.

With respect to the details of the request, I find that:

1. The proposed changes involve projects that qualify for grouped status under 23 CFR 450.216(j) and, therefore, no further public involvement is necessary.
2. The proposed projects are exempt from air quality conformity.
3. The proposed amendment is based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450.

In consideration of the above, STIP Amendment #26 is approved as requested.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

R. Scott Frey
Transportation Engineer

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